

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced below average precipitation and below average temperatures last week. High winds were reported impacting the harvest of the few remaining crops. Soil moisture ratings continue to show that extremely dry conditions persist. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short Short Adequate Surp						
This Week	38	47	15	0			
Last Week	29	35	36	0			
Last Year	17	31	50	2			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short Short Adequate Surpl						
This Week	56	41	3	0			
Last Week	51	40	9	0			
Last Year	20	30	49	1			

Small Grains: Winter wheat emergence reached 91 percent last week compared with 97 percent for the 5-year average. The crop ranged from mostly poor to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 99 percent harvested, 11 points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum harvest reached 91 percent harvested. Sunflower harvest progressed to 94 percent complete, 7 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

WINTER WHEAT CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 18, 2012							
Very Poor Fair Good Excelle							
	Poor						
Winter Wheat							
This Week	7	33	41	18	1		
Last Year	1	8	45	41	5		

Pasture and Range: The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT Week ending November 18, 2012

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
	Poor				-lent
Pasture & Range-2012	53	29	13	5	0
Prev. Year – 2011	17	22	32	28	1
5-Year Avg.	7	18	39	32	4

Livestock: The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies continue to be rated as short for this time of year.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 18, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				-
Harvested	99	97	89	88
Sorghum				
Harvested	91	80	81	83
Sunflowers				
Harvested	94	88	83	87
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	91	90	99	97

⁻ Represents zero.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	10	32	56	1

^{1/}Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

